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S E C R E T VIENTIANE 3052

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, TH, LA  
SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN U.S. UNITS IN THAILAND

REF: CINCPAC 032047Z APRIL 1974

1. IN REFTEL, PARAGRAPHS LL AND MM ARE OF PARTICULAR  
INTEREST TO THIS MISSION.  
  
2. AS SEEN FROM VIENTIANE, PHASEDOWN RECOMMENDED  
PARA LL IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE BELIEVE  
THAT THE NEED FOR OB DATA COLLECTED BY DET K OF THE 500TH  
MI GROUP AND DET 5/7602 AIR INTELLIGENCE GROUP HAS  
DIMINISHED AND THAT THE FORMATION OF THE COALITION  
GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE COLLECTION OF THIS DATA  
INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. WE HAVE ENTERED A PERIOD OF  
GREAT POLITICAL SENSITIVITY IN LAOS AND THE RISKS  
OR RUNNING LOW-LEVEL COLLECTION OPERATIONS IN LAOS  
FROM THAILAND OUTWEIGH ANY POTENTIAL GAINS.  
REDUCTIONS IN THE SIZE OF DET K AND DET 5 WILL  
HAVE NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON THIS MISSION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PARA MM, WE HAVE ALREADY  
COMMENTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CINCPAC PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS LIAISON OFFICER REGARDING AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE  
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PROBLEMS (VIENTIANE 0308/151534Z JAN 74). WE PRESUME

THAT IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL PRESS  
QUESTION ON AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER LAOS WILL  
BE ANSWERED BY "NO COMMENT."  
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